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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: LANTAU ISLAND COMPLEX

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1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION DISSEMINATED REFTTEL ON LANTAU BRIDGE TO QUALIFIED ENGINEERS AND CONSTRUCTORS. J.E. GREINER CO., WELL KNOWN ENGINEERS (EXPERIENCE INCLUDES CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE) HAS OPENED COMMUNICATIONS WITH GREWAL AND INTENDS DEVELOP PROPOSAL.

2. ON GENERAL SUBJECT LANTAU ISLAND, WE HAVE RECEIVED BANK OF AMERICA "MAN-ON-THE-SPOT REPORT" INDICATING HONG KONG HAS PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR NEW AIRPORT COMPLEX ON LANTAU, TO BE BUILT IN 1980'S AT ESTIMATED COST \$5 BILLION. IT ALSO STATE BRIDGES WILL BE BUILT TO LINK LANTAU WITH SHAUKIWAN AND YAU TONG AS WELL AS MAINLAND, WITH EXPECTED COMPLETION 1983. PASSING REFERENCE IS MADE TO PLANS FOR "A WIDER ELECTRIFIED RAILROAD NETWORK."

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION CONGEN CAN DEVELOP ON AIRPORT, OTHER BRIDGES, AND RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT. WHILE WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER

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AIRPORT DOLLAR FIGURE REFERS TO US OR HONG KONG CURRENCY,

IT APPEARS OFFER SUBSTANTIAL OPPORTUNITY IN EITHER CASE.
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